GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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IMPACT OF DELAY IN MONSOON
MOHAN RAWALE

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the below normal rains in the pre-monsoon season and the delay in the onset of South-West monsoon had affected sowing of early kharif cereals and rice;

(b) if so, whether this will have any adverse impact on production of these grains; and

(c) if so, the extent of decline in the production of these grains?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c): The onset of south-west monsoon was delayed by 7-10 days in some parts of the country. Since optimum sowing time of each crop spans between 15-20 days, the delay of 7-10 days in sowing will not have any significant impact on production of kharif crops.